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Photo by Lisa Harrison

Cycling enthusiasts Napier and Nancy Simpson are happy to hit the Beech River Trail again now that the foot bridge has been repaired.

Beech Trail bridge fixed

By Lisa Harrison

The popular Beech River Trail foot bridge in Algonquin Highlands has reopened following extensive repairs to the deck, rails and support structures, staff reported to council at its Aug. 16 meeting.

The bridge had been closed since December due to safety concerns.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) is responsible for repairs as it holds a MNR land use permit for the bridge.

HCSA secured an engineer's report that identified top wear boards and portions of the first of two layers of decking needed repair and the cribbing (stone support) needed to be topped up at a cost of \$3,000.

The HCSA advised council in June it could afford only partial repairs this year.

Councillors expressed concern the bridge would not be open for the annual Stanhope Firefighters Association triathlon on Aug. 18 and regular trail users would be denied that portion of the trail.

Council voted to repair the bridge's entire top layer and the second layer where required and top up the cribbing with a contribution of \$1,500 from HCSA this year.

The final repairs, including several new rails and supports, were completed by July 29 by HCSA volunteers, local firefighters, two Parks, Recreation and Trails staff and three Public Works staff who volunteered for a day.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) reopened the bridge on Aug. 3.

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Highlander news

Man drowns on Kash Lake

By Matthew Desrosiers

There has been another fatality on Highlands waters.

On Aug. 27 at approximately 2:41 p.m., Avreh Aaron Wise, 33, of Thornhill Ontario was kayaking on Lake Kashagawigamog when his kayak overturned, according to an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) release. As Wise yelled for assistance, a family member and two nearby cottagers attempted to rescue

him. They pulled Wise from the water and administered CPR.

Haliburton Highlands OPP, along with EMS workers and firefighters were dispatched to the scene. They transported Wise to Haliburton Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

According to police, Wise was not wearing a lifejacket at the time of the accident.

Kennisis cottage burns down

By Matthew Desrosiers

A cottage on Kennisis Lake burned to the ground on Aug. 26.

Firefighters responded to the call at 1:10 a.m. at 2188 Wilkenson Rd. The cottage was already engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived on the scene. They concentrated on containing the fire to the

original structure.

The cause of the fire is believed to be an open flame in a pot that was left on the deck, according to a release. Robert Witmeyer, owner of the cottage, discovered the fire after waking up to find the deck in flames.

The Fire Department was on scene for six hours. Damages are estimated at \$300,000, however no one was injured in the blaze.



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Editorial opinion

Fuelling frustrations

I like to play a little game when I drive, and it makes my partner crazy.

Whenever we go on road trips, I like to see how far I can get without needing to refuel. Sometimes, that means passing by a perfectly good gas station to see if I can make it just one more town over.

In the Highlands, every drive is like a road trip and as such, an opportunity to play. But my game hinges on that last gas station actually having gas.

If Carnarvon Esso were that station, well, I'd be in trouble.

Unfortunately for Carnarvon residents and cottagers alike, the station is simply unreliable. Want to fill up your boat? You may need to drive to Minden. You're only 30 minutes away from the cottage but you need some gas to finish the last leg of the trip? Hope you brought along a strong pair of legs to push you the last few miles to your driveway, because you just might be out of luck.

We heard a number of these stories in our newsroom, to the point we decided to look into it for ourselves.

What we found was a gas station that is fighting a losing battle on a weekly basis.

The station has no money. What money it does have is transferred to a sister store, on Highway 27, to keep it afloat. Because there's no credit, there's no gas. By the time they can afford to prepay for another tank, the current tank is almost dry. This results in half a day,

sometimes more, of empty tanks and loss of sales.

On Monday, the fuel truck arrives and the cycle begins anew.

If the local hardware store was running out of nails, there wouldn't be much fuss. But people depend on this station to get to and from work every day. It's an essential service that is denied to Carnarvon and area residents.

What can be done? Well, the government can't do anything about it. You can keep writing your councillors letters, and I'm sure they'll keep reading, but that won't get you too far.

What Carnarvon really needs is someone to buy the station, infuse it with some cash and get it back on its feet. Or perhaps a group of local entrepreneurs would like to set up their own station and take advantage of the competition's supply issues. It is one of the busiest intersections in the county, after all. Two gas stations should be easily sustainable.

Whatever the answer, something needs to be done.

In the meantime, Carnarvon Esso is trying to solve their problems internally, and the rest of us are left wondering how to fill our tanks.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Stouffville on the gull

Ontario will be getting 15 new ridings in the next federal election. That's an additional 15 MPs we'll be sending to the House of Commons. The reason is to rebalance the province's representation to account for increases in population relative to the others. British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec are getting more MPs as well, for a total of 30 to add to the existing 308.

In our riding, Lindsay and Kawartha Lakes will be swapped out for parts of Durham, including Uxbridge and areas westward up to the boundary of Stouffville. Yes, Stouffville, the hidden gem of the Haliburton Highlands — haven't you heard?

What could we possibly have in common with Stouffville? Nothing, is the answer.

It used to be that we'd send a *representative* to Ottawa. That is, someone who *represents* us, as in speaks for us. That's us, as in a group of people with some kind of interest in common — politically that's usually a place with established, logical boundaries enclosing a shared culture or settlement area. When you mix up places and give them one MP to share, he or she isn't really representing anyone.

We already have an issue with getting heard, our 17,000 voices against four times as many further south. In the new riding it will be even worse. Instead of representing commonalities of interest — sustaining rural life, the Trent-Severn Waterway, a distinctive culture — our MP will represent an even more random assortment of people. As our voice becomes lost in the random noise of suburbia, we are disenfranchised.

Not that it really matters, because MPs haven't been representing their constituents for quite some time. They vote along party lines, except for "votes of conscience", the rarity of which should give pause to anyone who expects politicians to have one. Dare to vote against your own party and you risk expulsion. We might as well give Stephen Harper 163 votes, Thomas Mulcair 101 and 35 to Bob Rae; we can send everyone else home.

Except in rare instances, MPs do not contribute to the legislative process — laws are written by legal and policy experts in each ministry, or, as is the case more and more these days, in the Prime Minister's Office. They sit on committees and are allowed to grumble and ask questions, but when it comes time to vote they toe the line. You can see how many bills each MP has contributed to and how many times they voted against their party at howdtheyvote.ca. Hint: you won't need both hands to count.

To be fair, MPs do a lot of "constituency work" but, as far as I can tell, this means calling obstinate civil servants who don't answer the phone when you call. And of course, holding passport clinics.

This evolution, both in the role of MPs and the way in which riding boundaries are determined is not accidental. It's a symptom of the decline in our democratic institutions, specifically the accretion of power in the Prime Minister's Office at the expense of

MP independence, a process that started well before Stephen Harper and affects all parties. Time was, MPs represented people. Now they represent "voters". The difference is that people live, work and have expectations; voters show up once every four years for a few minutes — they're not nearly as much trouble. Represent a definable area and you'll be expected to have an opinion; represent a random assortment of "voters" and you have much wider latitude on issues and priorities — it's easier to do as your told if there's no unity of purpose back home.

Who, after all, could really expect our MP to fight for our water rights when more water for us may mean less for the Trent, when it's clear as a Haliburton lake that such a position would be counter to the interests of many more of his constituents elsewhere? Representing too many, or opposite interests, is to represent none at all. You'll note that the number of MPs never goes down. This is because of the Constitution, which guarantees that no province can have fewer seats than it did in 1985. Because the population in the Atlantic provinces hasn't increased since the days when you couldn't throw a rock into the ocean without hitting a cod, the only way to rebalance is to add seats to other provinces. Even then it doesn't work — Prince Edward Island has one MP for every 34,000 people while Ontarians must share their MP with an average of 114,000 of their fellow voters. You can bet that those same, shrinking provinces would never agree to a constitutional amendment. So we're stuck.

This is unfortunate, particularly for we who pay the bills. MPs earn \$157,000 a year, not including benefits and expense allowances, all that free postage and of course a nice pension after just six years. Let's make it an even two-fifty, all in. That's \$7.5 million dollars annually for these new recruits. It's a lot of money to pay for people who don't contribute much to the actual legislative process or to representing their constituents, their supposed *raison d'être*, even if the decline in their roles is due to little fault of their own.

I have no solution for this state of affairs. The constitution prevents us from decreasing the number of MPs, but nothing prevents making free votes a common occurrence, so that representatives can represent. We could have a lot of those, and while we're at it we could have greater respect for regions, locales and the people who inhabit them by drawing boundaries that are representative, not lines that blur interests. Finally, we could reduce the enormous cost of parliament by altering compensation to reflect what an MP actually does — as measured against the real world where salary is determined by things like achievements and skills, and pensions are earned over decades.

I think somebody once promised all that. Maybe they will again during the next election campaign.



By Bram Lebo

Clarification

In 'Legion Auxiliary gives \$10,000 to HHHSF' (The Highlander, Issue 46, pg. 25), there has been confusion as to who donated the money. The \$10,000 was donated by the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command and the Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation.

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Letters to the Editor

Photos of the week



Photo by Donna Flemming

A Blue Heron takes flight from its perch along the river during a quiet morning canoe ride.
Submit your photo of the week to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca

To pump or not to pump

Dear editor,

I want to know why the gas station is not a gas station every weekend in Carnarvon. How is it that a franchise that umbrellas under ESSO Imperial Oil can run out of gas almost every weekend? Not only do they not apologize for the inconvenience, they hand out a phone number for customer service which is not hooked up to anything. Complaining to head office falls on deaf ears. The response is that it is an internal matter and will be handled as such. This is a major inconvenience that is placed upon people, not to mention the stress of not knowing if they can make it to the next gas station. If you are providing a service to the community do so. If not, move on and let someone else do it.

Carole Alexander
Algonquin Highlands

Clean up our beach before building a pool

Dear editor,

With a view to the endless discussions of whether Haliburton can afford or needs a swimming pool, one wonders why we are ignoring the natural facilities available. This village is situated around a lake, and yet the only public beach is a filthy eyesore; weeds, garbage, rotting docks; an embarrassing disgrace to the community. At a time when the Toronto school board is considering making swimming lessons compulsory at the grade three level for obvious reasons, our children are high and dry. May I respectfully offer a solution? To graduate, our high school students must contribute some hours of community service. In Spring and Summer, with adult guidance, they could rake and clean the beach and build docks. With a minimum infusion of financial aid the council could hire swimming instructors and student lifeguards. Once again the former Rotary beach could become a useful, attractive addition to the community park and our children could learn a healthy respect for the pleasures and dangers of water. They could learn to swim!

Joan Irish
Haliburton

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Photo submitted by Valerie Robinson

The Outsider — A tale of two princes

The Royals, you've gotta love 'em! And the thing that I've found is that over here in Canada you truly do.

Folks seemed genuinely miffed that as a bona fide Brit I didn't sit down and watch the most recent Royal wedding and more than once I was asked for my views on the Royal attendance at the Olympic Games. My answer, a dumbfounded "I dunno?"

You see, I believe that living for over a third of my life in the same city as the Queen has made me somewhat immune to the Royal charm. Buckingham Palace is a wonderful looking building, but it is also the source of a darn great snarl up in the traffic that flows through central London. On all of my many returns from Canada to see friends and family, the taxi ride from the airport (I'm too knackered to take public transport after seven hours on a plane with Little Z) is invariably delayed by half an hour as we swing, or should I say crawl, by the palace and up the Royal Mall. It adds five bloody pounds to the fare, I tell you!

The Tower of London, now there's another fabulous landmark... when viewed on the front of a postcard. In reality, on an everyday journey by it, the Medieval delights of Tower, Beefeaters and Royal Ravens were simply the source of much hand wringing and swearing as I, a Londoner who just wanted to get home from work, was forced to fight my way through hordes of smiling, happy tourists (a fair few with

Canadian accents) as they milled about in no great hurry to enjoy their brush with a right Royal historical castle type thingy.

You see, you folks bemuse me with your Royal enthusiasm. You even celebrate Victoria Day, a national holiday in honour of a sponge cake. Come on!

But why do I moan about the Royals now? 'Tis a mere grumpy prelude to my admission that there are times when I am enamoured with them as my Highland neighbours seem to be. Yes, you've guessed it. I'm going to bring up the stories that have splashed across the press in the last week or so.

How wonderful. How brave. How heartwarming. You know, the one about Prince William swooping down like a knight in shining armour on glistening white steed, but clad in a Royal Air Force jump suit and piloting his Sea King Helicopter, to rescue Barrie resident Darlene Burton. She had broken her leg while hiking in the Prince's backyard of Anglesey, Wales. What a 21st Century hero.

What did you think I was going to talk about? Not our heir to the throne's wayward brother!

Of course I am. Go Harry! I mean, what do folks expect? He's young; he's incredibly rich; he's got time on his hands, that's when he's not cupping them around his privates; and he has little or no responsibility. His good boy mask is going to slip from time to time.

We've seen it all before with the boring old Prince Charles versus racy Prince Andrew debate and what harm did it do the Royal Family? None whatsoever. In fact, a little scandal like this is what's needed to keep the Royals up there in the media spotlight.

If I were a conspiracy theorist (and I'm not, normally) I'd say that the tandem release of William the Great and Harry the naked jester is a clever stunt by Palace officials to capitalize on the good coverage they've been getting during the Olympics. The two stories make Royalists glow with pride and green with anger in equal measure, so cancelling out any long lasting effect. More importantly, they make me and the millions like me, who don't really give a fig about the Royals, sit up and take notice for a few more days.

Good on you Prince William. Very valiant. Maybe next time you could do a loop the loop, though, and bring Kate along because the newspapers tell me that we all love her. Harry... my one complaint about the whole Harry charade: he really needs to get a tan. A pasty naked white boy cupping his genitals for the camera, be he Royal or not, isn't exactly what you'd call eye candy. Even if you are a Royal watcher for all the wrong reasons!



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street:

What are your feelings about the new paintings on the arena?



Gerry MacLennan

Haliburton

Actually I did not know about the Mike Bradley one. But, I did [know about] the one [that] was unveiled last week. It is a good idea. I like it and it makes me proud.

Al Demetric

Haliburton

I don't see a problem with that. Good for hockey. I am from Wendel Clark's home town.



Laura Vree

Bradford

I think that they are really nice and I would like to know where the \$11,000 came from.



Wendy Baux

Haliburton

I think that it is a great idea! Cody is a Haliburtonian and I feel it is good for the public to see his picture as he is a hockey star.



Judy Neimann

Drag Lake

I think that it is great that we recognize local heroes; people that have made good in the big leagues.



Allowance needed for property sale

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands council has approved the sale of a Buckslide Road shoreline road allowance (SRA) to the owners of the existing residence on the allowance under three conditions.

Council voted at its Aug. 16 meeting to approve the sale of the SRA at 1117 Buckslide Rd. to Sean O'Hara, who owns a cottage and shed on that property.

The conditions include tying the SRA to O'Hara's lot directly across the road, the township's retention of the 66-foot road allowance between the properties, and registration of an inhibiting order on title to prevent any separate sale of either property.

"I think it's the fairest thing for the property owner to allow them to continue to do what they want it to do, whether it's to use it or sell it or whatever, but it allows us to have that bit of control so that it can't get lost along the way," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The private lot east of Buckslide Road is one of several created decades ago through a registered plan that also dedicated the road to the township. The township owns all of the lands west of that plan, including the Kushog Lake SRA.

According to Chief Administrative Officer Angie Bird, the cottage and shed were constructed entirely on the SRA across the road prior to the 1978 implementation of the first area zoning bylaw regulating setbacks from the high water mark (then 50 feet, now 75, and about to become 100).

Staff reported O'Hara has filed for the SRA purchase

now due to difficulty selling his property because the cottage is on township-owned land.

The township's official plan states original shoreline road allowances may be closed and conveyed to the abutting owners, and conveyance may be considered in order to correct existing building encroachments.

In this case the township is the abutting owner because it owns the road allowance between the two properties. Simply conveying the SRA would create a separate lot, meaning either property could be sold or transferred separately. Kushog Lake is already an "at capacity" lake.

The township will enact a zoning amendment to tie the two properties together under one identification number with the Land Registrar. That, combined with the inhibiting order, will prevent the registrar from transferring the resulting single property to a third party without the township's consent.

The inhibiting order will also involve the township in all matters relating to the new property, including consent to transfer, sell or mortgage it. Reluctant to commit the township to this side requirement, councillors considered other options, but neither would reliably prevent separate sales of the two properties.

"It's none of council's business to get involved in mortgages [of] private property but because the township would need to retain that control we would delegate staff to just simply approve that," said Moffatt.

"It's about just ensuring that this unusual situation doesn't become more unusual inadvertently going forward."

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Vehicles lose control on slick roads



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Dysart firefighter Rod Consack cleans dirt off County Road 7. Above: An ambulance sits near the vehicle that went off the road. No one was injured.

By Mark Arike

An afternoon accident caused by oily and wet conditions lead to a road closure on Kennisis Lake Road on Aug. 27.

A male driver of a Ford said he lost control of his vehicle and ended up in the ditch. Around the same time, a septic truck traveling

in the northbound lane went onto the shoulder of the road before entering the ditch. The driver of the truck managed to get the vehicle back onto the road.

Dysart et al firefighters and EMS were also on the scene.

The OPP didn't expect to lay any charges.

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Dysart gives \$500 to Thunder Bay fund

Dysart council voted to donate \$500 to the Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Fund to assist in helping victims of this spring's flooding. The community needs to raise \$15-20 million to help all injured parties. For every dollar raised, the province will donate two dollars.

Two charged under fire ban

Dysart fire department laid two charges for burning during the 33-day county-wide fire ban. During the period the fire department responded to eight fires and 14 campfires. Fire chief Miles Maughan stated that the main problem with infringements was at rental properties, where visitors expected to be able to have a campfire.

Grant application for access upgrades

Dysart Council is to apply for funding under the Enabling Accessibility Fund, offered by Human Resources Development Canada, in order to retrofit new entry doors to the front entrance of the municipal administration office, and for improvements to the public areas of the Dysart et al Arena/Community Centre.

Art festival a success

The Haliburton Art and Craft Festival was a resounding success, attracting 6,100 visitors through its gates over the July 27-29 weekend, stated a report submitted to Dysart council at its Aug. 27 meeting. The festival saw 130 exhibitors displaying their wares and local businesses were instrumental in making the event a success. Special thanks also went out to the 75 volunteers involved.

Colourfest calls for volunteers

By Will Jones

'Family fun f'all' is the slogan for Colourfest 2012 being held in Haliburton village on Sept. 29. But before all the fun can begin, the event, now in its fifth year, needs to rally a team of volunteers to help out on the day. Gail Stelter, Colourfest coordinator, explained this to Dysart council during a presentation about the event at the Aug. 27 meeting.

"We have 21 volunteers already but we need more," said Stelter. "We have been very ambitious and have some wonderful events. We are promoting Colourfest through three provincial websites; flyers that have been sent as far a field as Barrie, Kingston and Ottawa; and word is getting out through the local media. What we need now is some help on the day."

Stelter went on to tell how she has involved

not only local businesses but also numerous not-for-profit organizations this year, and, while favourites such as the pancake breakfast and pet events would be happening, so would a host of new family-style entertainments.

There will also be a Colourfest Passport which visitors can get stamped when they visit local stores. There will be two music stages featuring 12 live bands, eight of which will be local.

However, Stelter did acknowledge that one of the biggest challenges would be making the event run smoothly amidst the ongoing streetscape works on Highland Street.

"We know that the works will be going on and all I can say is we'll work with the council and contractor to make it work," she said. "If there's a big machine parked on Highland Street then we'll tie a corn stalk to it."

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Dozens of onlookers examine the refurbished CF-100.

CF-100 looks ready to soar again

By Mark Arike

The restoration work on Haliburton's historic CF-100 plane is now complete.

On Aug. 28 a large crowd gathered at the plane, which is located near the high school, for a ceremony to recognize the project as well as those who were part of the process.

"I would like to say thank you to everyone here," said Carla Watson, president of the Haliburton Legion branch. "We're a small town but we have a big heart. Without you

guys we could not have done this."

Reeve Murray Fearrey called the project wonderful and thanked Chester Howse, project coordinator, for all his hard work.

"I want to say that I can't remember it in '73, but I think it looks every bit as good if not better," said Fearrey.

Belinda Wilson, Legion deputy zone commander, became familiar with the restoration project while attending the local branch for elections and other business.

"This group never wavered in their

dedication to get this thing done," said Wilson. "This is a tribute to the community, it's a tribute to the branch and it's a tribute to all our fighting men and women."

Camarvon resident Sinclair Russell attended the ceremony on behalf of his brother and Minden native, Neil Russell. His brother, who now lives in London, Ont., is believed to be the only person from Haliburton County to reach the full rank of Canadian Forces colonel. Russell provided some insight into the Canadian-built plane, which was known as 'the clunk' due to the loud sound it made when landing.

"Starting in 1950, Canada designed and built 692 CF-100s," he said. "Four squadrons were based in Europe and five in Canada."

"In its day, the CF-100 was capable of reaching high altitudes and long distances."

Rex Sutcliffe, a resident of Oakville, was asked to speak about his experiences as a CF-100 pilot. In his impromptu speech, Sutcliffe revealed that he had flown the Haliburton plane.

"I had a peek in my log book and found that I had flown this very aircraft on Dec. 2, 1959," he said. "So in a way, it's still going strong and so am I."

He said the CF-100 was a useful aircraft.

"There was a series, Mark 4, of which I believe this might be a member, that was designed for low attack."

Sutcliffe considered his flying career with the plane a successful one.

"I don't think I ever had a moment's fear when I was flying a CF-100," he said, adding that his claim to fame was getting the plane up to an altitude of 50,000 feet.

Howse thanked the two companies that carried out the significant restoration project – Kashaga Paint of Haliburton and Heritage Metal Restoration of Barrie.

"I'm sure they'll be happy to see the end of Chester Howse today," he joked. "I spent a lot of time with these guys but it was a

pleasure. They've done a tremendous job for us."

When Howse first took on the coordination of the project, he knew that finding the money to make it happen could be difficult. The first place he turned to for funding was the government.

"We did our research and we applied," he said. "But we were turned down."

A fundraising campaign began and the community demonstrated its generosity. Then one day, Howse received a call from Reeve Fearrey informing him that an anonymous donor wanted to contribute \$40,000 to the project.

"That was a real shot in the arm," he said.

The next donation came in the form of \$10,000 pounds (about \$15,000) from a cottager who resides in England.

Howse then obtained a quote on the refurbishing project from a company in Campbellford. It came in at \$89,500.

"At this point we were around \$45,000 or \$50,000. So we had a lot of work to do."

Two months ago, Kashaga Paint and Heritage Metal Restoration approached Howse and the rest as they say is history.

"We got it done without any tax dollars," he said, thanking the two anonymous donors, the people of Haliburton County and the Pinestone Resort for hosting a golf tournament in support of the fundraising efforts.

Howse said there are still a few final touch-ups to be completed, including lighting around the plane.

"We're going to look at putting some lights here so that when you drive by at night, you'll be able to see it just like in the daytime."

After the ceremony, Howse said he was unsure of exactly what has been spent on the project to date, but that it would be considerably less than the initial \$89,500 quote.

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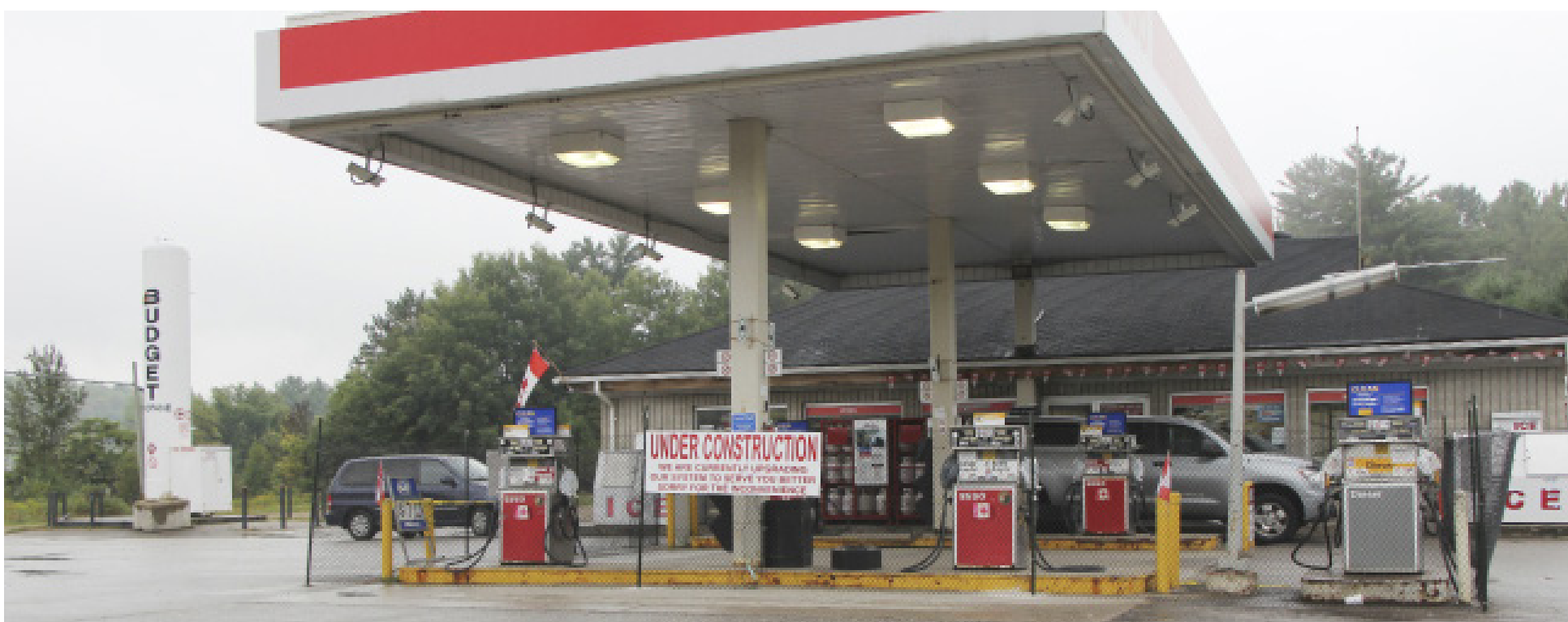


Photo by Walter Griffin

Carnarvon Esso is in the process of upgrading its pumps and is pursuing refinancing options to alleviate its fuel supply issues. The station has faced criticism for running out of gas.

Carnarvon Esso struggles to meet fuel demands

By Matthew Desrosiers

Gas stations in the Highlands are few and far between.

When the gas light comes on the dash and you desperately need a fill-up, you could find yourself unable to reach the nearest station. If that station is the Esso in Carnarvon, then even if you do reach it, you may not find the gas you're looking for.

Carol Moffat, reeve of Algonquin Highlands, said the station is regularly out of gas.

"I live in the area," she said. "I see the yellow tape go up and I feel bad for the tremendous number of people affected by these difficulties."

Moffat said she first became aware of the issue by driving past the gas station on a daily basis.

"I have been in the area through many previous owners," she said. "No previous owner has run out of gas as often as these people."

As the reeve, Moffat said she has been approached by a number of people asking if

the township can step in.

"My answer is no," she said. "It is not the mandate of the township to interfere in private business."

Moffat said the only way council would consider getting involved is if it affected the safety of the community, such as if the firefighters couldn't do their job as a result.

"If the safety of our community is in jeopardy because of the gas supply in Carnarvon, then council would have a discussion about what it might do," she said. "It would be up to the fire chief to advise council if there is a problem."

Kyle Mann, manager of the Carnarvon Esso, said that wouldn't be a problem.

"We always save fuel for the fire department," he said.

According to Mann, the gas station's fuel troubles are due to financial troubles.

"A lot of people bring up the fact that when Eddie, the last manager, was here... he'd very rarely run out of gas," Mann said. "The fact is that we've got a \$10,000, almost \$11,000 a month mortgage and he didn't. We've got four more staff members

than he ever had, so there's money there."

Mann said the new owner, Harinder Daliwhail, who lives in Vaughan Ont., bought the station for \$2.2 million two years ago.

Daliwhail also owns another gas station on Highway 27, which Mann said is also out of gas. The two stations support one another, but most of the profits from the Carnarvon store support the other station.

Without cash set aside for the station, and due to a lack of credit with Parkland Fuel Corporation, their distributor, Mann said he needs to sell 42,000 litres before he has enough money to order another full tank. The underground tanks can hold up to 55,000 litres of fuel.

"We're a pre-paid gas station," he said. "If we don't sell enough before we order, we don't have the money to pay for it."

Because the fuel company does not deliver on Sundays, he often runs out near the end of a busy weekend. The carrier has two days to deliver the fuel after an order is placed.

"[One weekend] they delivered it 56 hours [after I placed the order]," he said. "We

missed a complete Sunday without having gas. That hurts. I think it's like \$40,000 in sales for that one day, gone."

Mann said slow weeks create problems just as much as busy ones.

"We don't generate enough sales to re-purchase fuel for the weekend," he said. "[The owner] has got to try to find funds somewhere and transfer it. We're just juggling around too much money to too many different stores."

Recently, the gas station replaced its yellow caution tape with actual fencing around the fuelling area. Mann said as part of a plan to refinance the business, the owner is spending over \$2 million to install new pumps and carbon fiber lines. Eventually they will be investing in bigger tanks, he said.

Mann said if they could purchase fuel on credit, they wouldn't have a problem keeping the tanks full.

"I think maybe once they refinance and get the funds it might change."

Daliwhail could not be reached for comment.



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Hodgson joins arena wall of fame

By Mark Arike

The latest mural depicting one of Haliburton's hockey heroes is now complete.

On the morning of Aug. 26, local politicians, former NHLers and dozens of community members joined Cody Hodgson to get their first glimpse of the painting, which is located on the outside wall of the Dysart arena.

"It's a real honour to be up on the wall with Ron [Stackhouse], Bernie [Nicholls] and Matt [Duchene]," said Hodgson, who was traded from the Vancouver Canucks to the Buffalo Sabres in February. "It's pretty incredible to stand up here in front of family and friends, and everyone who has supported me over the years."

As a hockey player who lived in Haliburton until the age of eight before moving to Markham, Hodgson had the opportunity to seek advice from other experienced players.

"Being from Haliburton, Matt and I had the advantage of talking to NHL players, learning from them and knowing that the dream is possible," he said. "I think that's really important... that really helped me realize that I could become an NHL player."

Jim Winn, Hodgson's former coach when he played for the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's (OMHA) Haliburton Huskies, said he witnessed the making of a star.

"Cody was talented, but he worked very,

very hard at it," said Winn, recalling how Hodgson would practice shooting pucks through tires at the age of six.

"It really showed his work ethic at a really young age – and he's kept that up."

Winn said that despite some tough luck along the way due to injuries, Hodgson has worked hard with the opportunities he's had.

Former NHL player and Dysart Councillor Walt McKechnie called it a great honour to be able to share a few words about Hodgson.

"Cody is a fine example of our youth," said McKechnie, adding that each player on the wall is worth looking up to.

"It's so great that kids can ride by on their bikes or walk by here and look at this wall and say, 'there's Cody up there with Matt, Ron and Bernie. Wouldn't it be great if I could be up there?'"

McKechnie explained that it takes a tremendous family commitment to help get a young person into the NHL.

"This is an incredible accomplishment to make it to the NHL... Cody and Matt are two of 750 people in the world that are playing in the NHL. Do you know what an accomplishment that is? And they're from this little community."

Before Deputy Reeve Bill Davis pulled up the tarp that covered the mural, Reeve Murray Fearrey pointed out the significance of Haliburton's hockey talent pool.



Photo by Mark Arike

Bernie Nicholls, Cody Hodgson, Ron Stackhouse and Hodgson's former coach, Jim Winn, pose for photos in front of the new mural.

"I don't think there's another place in Canada, with a population of 4,500, that has more unrelated NHL hockey players," said Fearrey. "For all you critics of the arena, that's not a bad record."

The next mural in the works, also by artist Richard Vander Meer, is of retired CFL player Mike Bradley.

According to Fearrey, Hodgson's mural was paid for from funds the municipality received in the form of a \$100,000 anonymous donation last year. That money is also helping to pay for the restoration of the CF-100 plane.

All of the other murals were created by artist Allen C. Hilgendorf.

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Fire hall supplies centre's water

By Lisa Harrison

The Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, currently tapping the nearby fire hall well for useable water, may have a permanent underground link by fall.

Parks, Recreation and Trails Manager Mark Coleman told councillors at their Aug. 16 meeting the centre's well ceased functioning in July. The custodian discovered a piston pump belt had broken, and repair and replacement measures were unsuccessful.

ADF Plumbing of Dorset determined the centre's dug well was so depleted in the dry weather the pump had likely been running continuously and broke down under the strain. They contacted the nearby fire hall and temporarily linked a hose, above ground, from the fire hall's drilled well to the centre.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit was advised and boil water advisories were posted in the centre as a precaution.

Coleman presented council with three solution options: fill the existing well and replace the pump, install a

drilled well and replace the pump and water system, or link to the fire hall well permanently with a buried hose.

He recommended the third option, likely the least expensive at \$5,000 or less, to be funded from reserves. This solution would also reduce staff hours and testing and monitoring costs associated with the first option.

Coleman's department has been working with the plumber and health unit to confirm the fire hall well can handle the increased draw and determine whether additional water treatment systems will be required.

Asked if this was the best solution or simply the best solution in a dry year, Coleman said reports from several previous years show similar supply issues.

"It is a shallow dug well," he said. "It's only 12 feet, so with the extremes of weather and climate that we're having it's conceivable that we would continue to have supply problems with the existing well. I think it's time to address that."

Council directed staff to request quotes for the fire hall option, providing the water supply from the fire hall well proves satisfactory.

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Aging sewage lagoon cause for concern

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands council has approved measures to prolong life for the aging McClintock sewage disposal lagoon, which has been closed twice this summer to enable it to properly filter accumulated volume.

Those measures include virtually doubling tipping fees immediately and implementing a trial appointment-only schedule for users.

McClintock Lagoon holds sewage deposited by haulage contractors, gradually exfiltrating it into the underlying sand and through evaporation (there is no other discharge at the surface).

At council's Aug. 16 meeting staff reported the lagoon has been working at capacity for years and sludge build-up has reduced the sand's ability to filter the sewage.

Despite ongoing sludge removal, the lagoon has required at least one closure each summer since 2008 to keep it functioning through peak use and extended periods of rain.

This year the lagoon was closed from June 29 to July 23 and again beginning Aug. 7. Manager of Operations Mike Thomas said the lagoon will reopen once it reaches the prescribed operating level.

Between 2002 and 2005 the township considered different

treatment options for a new facility at either the Maple Lake or Pine Springs landfill sites, but held back due to public opposition and planning requirements.

Thomas reported his department is investigating other long-term solutions, including purchasing McClintock-area land for expansion. Communications with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of the Environment have already begun.

"I'm really glad to hear that because I think given some of the ongoing and increasing problems that we're having with the lagoon we really do need to step up our game and start really looking at solutions," said Deputy Reeve Liz Daniels.

Council approved raising the tipping fee from \$53 per 1,000 gallons to a "break-even" \$100 based on volume and on operating costs of up to \$30,000 annually. Councillors will approve the bylaw in September.

Higher fees will potentially reduce volume by discouraging use of McClintock for District of Muskoka waste to avoid Muskoka's currently much higher fee of \$113.

"Two of the haulers...told us even before we mentioned it, 'You should be raising the prices', so that's coming right from the guys that are bringing it in," said Thomas.

Council also approved switching to an appointment-only schedule, subject to trial and user feedback. Staff reported

Highlands East is using this method effectively.

Currently McClintock users have gate keys and operate on the honour system, submitting monthly reports. Appointments will require staff onsite to manage access and administer paperwork. Thomas said this would be challenging during the summer but more achievable in the slower fall and winter months.

"I think we do need to tighten up, we seem to be one of the few that has this honour system," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

Council will consider the third option, an electronic cardlock gate system such as Muskoka uses, during 2013 budget preparations.

The estimated \$9,000 cardlock system could track user time for better volume estimates, helping staff determine whether the lagoon is no longer working properly, is being overloaded, or both.

McClintock would require a solar-powered system, which Muskoka has found does not work effectively from October to April due to reduced light, so the township would need to maintain the appointment schedule during those months.

A fourth option, a flow meter, would enable precise volume measurements. Muskoka has already investigated this option and reported the meters cost \$50,000 and require electrical power, so both staff and council rejected it.

Pine Springs landfill clean-up complete

By Lisa Harrison

Clean-up work at the Pine Springs landfill has been completed as recommended in a consultant's monitoring report earlier this year, Algonquin Highlands council heard at its Aug. 16 meeting.

Cambium Environmental Inc., hired to prepare the mandatory annual report to the Ministry of the Environment, identified that waste had been placed outside the site's northern boundary and should be removed.

Cambium also recommended installation

of additional stakes or fencing to prevent reoccurrence.

Mike Thomas, Public Works operations manager, confirmed the small amount of waste has now been relocated within the boundary and additional marker stakes have been installed.

Staff also completed new retaining walls at the Dorset and Maple Lake landfill sites and sludge sampling and installation of a new screening tank at the aging McClintock sewage disposal lagoon to prolong its use.



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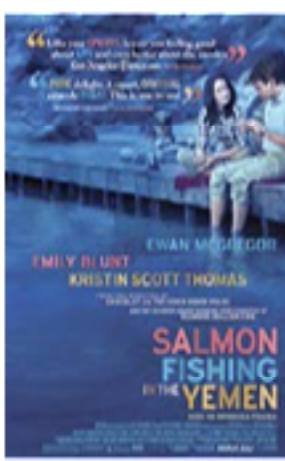
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Highlander arts

Risk returns with new show

By George Farrell

Artist David Alexander Risk is back.

Ten years ago, Risk was one of the best known artist in Haliburton County. With the help of wife Sharon he gave free art and nature classes to children all over Ontario. He taught at the School of the Arts, donated numerous pieces to fundraisers, to the HHHS, the libraries and charitable organizations. He seemed to be everywhere.

Then it all came crashing down when Risk was overcome by severe heart issues which, on several occasions, nearly took his life. On top of that his son Daniel was involved in a life-threatening car accident.

While Risk took many years to fully recover he never gave up on his art

Buoyed by his wife and family, and especially his grandchildren, he gradually started to work again.

Another influence in Risk's recovery was Peter Schleifenbaum, the owner and manager of the Haliburton Forest. Schleifenbaum and his wife Elke have always stood by Risk and his art. Now Schleifenbaum and Risk, who is the 'Forest Artist in Residence,' are teaming up again on a new book called the 'Living Forest 2.'

'Living Forest 2' will make its debut in December at a big art exhibition of Risk's work, at a venue in Haliburton to be named later. However, people eager

to see what Risk has been up to can see a good cross-section at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (AJG) in Minden.

The AJG show will be short; the first week of September only. It will show examples of his landscapes from the Forest and also a bevy of new styles and works.

"Without the Haliburton Forest and Peter Schleifenbaum, my work wouldn't be here," he said. "The Christmas Show in Haliburton is a gift back to the community. It's a show for the whole family. Peter will also be there signing books."

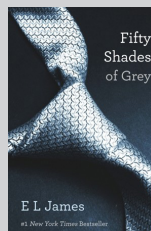
To see what Risk has been up to, make sure you see the show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery during the first week of September.



'Morning Solitude, Havelock Lake' by David Alexander Risk

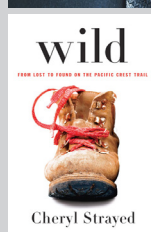
Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.



HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
2. Stray Bullets by Robert Rotenberg 🇨🇦
3. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
4. The 11th Hour by James Patterson
5. The Third Gate by Lincoln Child



HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed
2. Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health by William Davis
3. Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
4. Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman
5. The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton 🇨🇦

If you are looking to read something similar to *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed, our most popular non-fiction book at the library currently, consider some of the following "read-alikes." If you enjoys Strayed's book for its examination of the human connection to the wilderness, then try *Claiming Ground* by Laura Bell, which is also a deeply personal memoir. *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer is a non-fiction title that follows a young man's instinct to find solace by travelling into the wilds of Alaska. While it does not have the happy ending of *Wild*, the two books share a similar pace, voice and sense of adventure and isolation. If you prefer novels, try *Once Upon A River* by Bonnie Jo Campbell. It follows Margo, a 1970s teenager, as she sets off on a solo quest along Michigan's Stark River. Like *Wild*, this novel is character rich.

Library News

Free computer classes will be offered at the Haliburton County Public Library this fall. Starting Sept.18, these classes will be run biweekly on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Minden, and Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Dysart. Call Amanda at 705-457-2241 to register.



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Highlander people



Johnny Burke performs at the age of 72.

Photo submitted by Johnny Burke

Local country legend makes it to the Hall

Johnny Burke recognized for storied 52-year career in country music

By Matthew Desrosiers

After 52 years of living his dream, Johnny Burke is being inducted to the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame.

“It feels great,” Burke said. “It’s a little bit of an unbelievable feeling.”

Burke, now 72, said he’s just thankful he’s still playing music.

“You always dream of stuff like [this],” he said. “I didn’t think I’d still be in the business at this age. It’s what keeps me going. Entertaining, playing, singing, it puts you on a high pretty much all the time.”

When he’s on stage, Burke said he forgets everything else that’s going on and loses himself in his music.

But there was a time when he almost gave it all up.

“Years ago I got discouraged,” Burke said. “I had my favourite guitar stolen and I thought ‘I don’t need this’, and I slowed down. But [my wife, Teresa] encouraged me to keep going.”

She told him not to let something like a stolen guitar keep him from doing something he loves. Burke said if it wasn’t for his wife’s support, his name probably

wouldn’t be going into the Hall.

“She’s right into it with me,” he said. “She’s 100 per cent into my music. In most cases, I feel that if it wasn’t for her I maybe would not be performing today.”

Burke will be inducted into the Hall on Sept. 8. On Sept. 9 he will also be presenting an award at the Canadian Country Music Awards. Those watching the event can expect to see Burke on stage performing his top single, Wild Honey, which won single of the year in 1979.

“It’s always a highlight when you’re recognized by your peers on how well you’re doing,” he said. “It just feels good.”

Don Green, executive director of the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA), said the CCMA is excited to celebrate Burke’s career.

“We are pleased to acknowledge the incredible achievements of Johnny Burke, who has had a truly outstanding career including many number one hit singles and awards, by inducting him into the CCMA Hall of Fame,” he said.

For Burke, the weekend in Saskatoon is very busy. After seeing his itinerary, between makeup, rehearsals and commitments, he doesn’t expect to have too much time to himself.

But he said it’s worth it.

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Jeff Pinney talks about living with Multiple Sclerosis at The Dominion Hotel.

MS sufferer living his life one day at a time

By Mark Arike

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) stripped him of his ability to walk, live independently and be an artist.

But despite his trials and tribulations, Jeff Pinney is finding a way to live in the moment.

On Aug. 24 at The Dominion Hotel, Pinney talked about his struggles and life as he now sees it during the release of his book, *Zen and the Art of Multiple Sclerosis*.

"I wrote this book as a creative outlet because I can no longer paint," Pinney told the audience. "I don't know if I'm going to go on to write another one. It will depend on if anyone likes this one."

According to a description of his book on amazon.com, Pinney, a Hamilton native, had gone through a series of dead-end jobs and luckless relationships by the age of 30. He thought things couldn't get much worse until he was diagnosed with MS in 1980.

"I can't remember being able to walk, although that's now more than 20 years ago," said Pinney, who lives in an old age home. "Time doesn't mean too much."

Pinney said he was just developing his skills as a painter and woodcarver when he was struck with the disease.

"I was just getting good," he said. "I never thought of selling my paintings because I thought I was just practicing so I could get better."

According to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, MS affects vision, hearing, memory, balance and mobility. There is no known cure.

One of Pinney's paintings did end up in the home of local resident Marie Gage – the person who inspired him to write the book – and the rest are "scattered around."

When he was able to create art, Pinney took great pride in getting the details just right on his loon carvings.

"I spent years making two perfect loons."

Pinney was grateful for the support he received at his book launch.

"I didn't think this many people knew about me."

Prior to his question and answer session with the audience, local writer Lea Harper read from the book and provided a short review.

"I was really struck by Jeff's attunement with the natural world as revealed in his poetic lines," said Harper. "Despite the many trials and perils Jeff has faced over the years – and there are some harrowing and heartbreaking stories held within these pages – the man never loses his sense of humour."

Harper looked back on Pinney's encounters with the law when he was caught with marijuana.

"The best medicine he found to help him through his MS was marijuana," she said. "He's been busted twice for possession after the nursing staff rifled through his belongings and snatched on him. The charges were later dropped he said because the Minden jail cells are not wheelchair accessible."

Harper said not only does the book take the reader on a journey through Pinney's personal hell and back, but it's "a tribute to the human spirit and its eternal encounter with predicament, whatever that predicament may be."

Pinney's friend Doug Smith edited the book before it went off to print.

"I took the task on gladly at first," said Smith, explaining that the project came with its fair share of ups and downs.

"Working with Jeff wasn't always easy because I'm persnickety and he's ornery. So we managed to get on each other's nerves from time to time."

Looking back, Smith called it "an artistic collaboration."

The recent launch also included live entertainment from David Fougere and Pinney's longtime friend Sheri Hawkins.

Zen and the Art of Multiple Sclerosis is available online at Amazon and Chapters, or by calling Doug Smith at 705-286-4924.

Highlander technology

The Computer Guy Be prepared

Remember ancient days when you bought a brand name computer, like Dell or HP, and got the Windows disc with it? Sometimes even a driver and application disc too? Those were happy, happy days!

Sadly those days are long gone. Manufacturers are trying to save money by not supplying the discs for you anymore. A lot of times a copy of your operating system (Windows) is sitting on your hard drive in a second partition. These are when your hard drive is split in two and they call the halves partitions. The second partition is usually called "Recovery" or something similar. They put the info there in case Windows should become unusable so you can reload your computer back to the way it was when you brought it home. This is fine, but what happens if the hard drive fails (see Aug. 2 column)? Both partitions will be unreadable. So therefore no recovery files.

Lucky for us computer manufacturers put in a recovery disc program which you should run as soon as you bring your new computer home. The program will allow you to make recovery discs so you can reload your computer from the DVD drive in the event that your hard drive fails and you have to replace it. It will usually take three or four blank DVD-/+R or DVD-/+RW to make the set. You can buy them at pretty much any electronics store and you should have them on hand when you start the program. Some

computer makers only allow you to run the program once. Just follow the prompts from the program and label the discs as you make them (recovery disc one, recovery disc two, and so on). If the program allows you to make an application and driver disc then by all means do it. This should take one blank DVD to complete. Put the discs in a safe place and hope you never need to use them.

If the computer keeps reminding you to make the recovery discs by popping up a little window telling you, don't ignore it because it's annoying or you're lazy. I've worked on many a customer's computer where the hard drive has failed only to find out they never made recovery discs. Now they have to pay for a new Windows disc on top of a new hard drive to get the computer back up and running. This can get expensive, \$250-\$300, just for the disc and hard drive.

I hope you don't ever have a problem where you have to reload your computer, but it's always smart to be prepared.

Any questions, comments or something you would like me to talk about, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca Happy and safe computing.



By David Spaxman



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

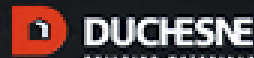
Friends and colleagues treated Rick Cox, former director of community services and recreation manager for Minden Hills, to a surprise lunch on Aug. 24. It was his last day on the job. They all pitched in to give Cox a plaque with a picture of him and his family floating down the Gull River. Cox resigned from his position earlier this month.

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Highlander food

SIRCH makes food fun

By Mark Arike

A new SIRCH initiative is giving families a chance to connect with local growers while showing them how to live off the land.

"It's really about folks learning where food comes from and how it's grown," said Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH. "We want to get kids excited about where food comes from and make parents realize that it's not that difficult."

With grant money obtained from the Healthy Communities Fund, SIRCH was recently able to launch their Family Fun Tours program. To date, parents and children have visited a grain farm in Gelert, attended the fifth annual Garlic Fest and been to Magnificent Hill in Highland Grove.

"Initially, our food initiatives were about getting food to people who needed it," said Robertson. "Now we want to broaden that to a more in-depth understanding of food, how you can grow it yourself, how you can be slightly sustainable through gardening... it's sort of learning about appreciating it and making it more of a personal choice."

The events are free to children and their families. SIRCH also provides transportation at no cost if it's required.

As the farm tour liaison, Angel Taylor is responsible for selecting the featured sites.

"I look at farms that offer a range

of learning opportunities and that are interesting," said Taylor. "We want to make it accessible not only to the adults but the children. We want it to be interesting, varied... an important consideration is the time that the farmers have and their availability."

Taylor said hosts are provided with a \$100 gratuity for their time and produce.

At the recent Garlic Fest, families had the chance to meet with local garlic growers, participate in a braiding demo and take home some free garden produce. During the tour of Dave and Cheryl Bathe's farm in Gelert, Taylor demonstrated how to make homemade bread using fresh ground grains.

"We've tried to include some hands-on experiences," she said.

Upcoming events include stops at Abbey Gardens in September and a harvest festival in Minden on Oct. 2.

Once this phase of tours is complete, workshops will focus on cooking and growing food.

The goal is to eventually make other communities aware about the program.

"We will probably do a simple how-to manual so other communities will learn from our experience," said Robertson.

To register for a tour or to find out more information, call 705-457-1742 and ask for Debbie or Daniela.



Photo by Mark Arike

The building, which was constructed by Fleming College students, is nearing completion.

Abbey Gardens project nears completion

By Mark Arike

Nearly 100 people gathered at Abbey Gardens on Aug. 23 to celebrate the work of 17 Fleming College students in the sustainable building program. Their project since the start of the summer: a commercial kitchen and retail store, located off Freedom Fifty Five Drive in West Guilford.

Those in the crowd included Abbey Gardens' board members, students and their families, and other supporters. The event included a few speeches as well as tours of the building.

Once open, the 2,000-square-foot building, which is made out of straw bale walls, will provide those in the food industry a space to produce and sell their products. Other features will include solar panels, a porch and a green "living" roof complete with goats.

According to John Patterson, founder of Abbey Gardens, the project is expected to be complete within the next month or two. Some of the Fleming students have been hired on to help finish the job.

A grand opening is expected to take place sometime next spring.



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Parents and children receive a garlic braiding demonstration from local grower Lyn Stevens.

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Highlander food

Food for thought: Corny Delights

By Will Jones

It's one of the highlights of summer, that golden glow and sweet taste of freshly broiled or boiled corn on the cob. But did you know just how good corn is for you? Our friends at Haliburton County Farmers' Market have given me the lowdown and it seems that corn is a good source of folate, thiamin and potassium. It also provides fibre, vitamin C, niacin and zinc – all for less than 90 calories on an ear of corn. Corn is also rich in betacytotoxanthin (a cousin of beta-carotene), which is an antioxidant.

When buying corn you should look for fully ripe sweet corn husks that are bright green and moist. The silk at the top of the husk should be shiny, moist and have a golden colour. Peel back part of the husk and choose a cob that has plump, soft yellow coloured kernels – avoid any that are discoloured or shriveled. Kernels at the top of the cob should be small; large kernels are a sign of old corn.

And so, with all this new knowledge, all you need to do now is get on down to Carnarvon and the Farmers' Market on Aug. 31 for the Great Corn Roast. You'll be able to munch on a piping hot cob on-site and buy fresh corn from the many vendors to take home for the family, too. What a great way to spend a Friday afternoon!

Beer-smoked Corn

Ingredients

10 ears fresh corn with husks

1 quart beer

1 (7-pound) bag of ice cubes

Place the whole ears of corn in an ice chest. Pour the beer over top. Dump the ice out over the ears of corn and place the lid on the cooler then let it sit for eight hours, or overnight.

Preheat smoker to 250 F (120 C).

Place the corn in the smoker and close the lid. Cook for one to two hours, turning every 20 minutes or so. The kernels should give easily under pressure when done. Smokin!

Corn and bean salad

Make a satisfying mid-summer lunch by combining equal parts black beans, chickpeas, kidney beans and corn kernels. Season the salad with a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil, fresh lime juice, minced garlic and chopped, fresh cilantro.

A tangy alternative

Instead of butter, season hot corn on the cob with a fresh lime. Run a sliced lime up and down a warm cob of corn and sprinkle with chili powder.

Thanks to the Karra Wesley and Haliburton County Farmers' Market for providing nutritional information about corn.

Harvest time for Haliburton CSA

By Will Jones

The warm afternoon on Wednesday was all that was needed to prompt Haliburton's Grain CSA (community supported agriculture) to strike out with the combine and begin harvesting this year's crop of oats and Red Fyfe wheat.

Local farmer Godfrey Tyler has been growing the crop at Waverley Brook Farm and fellow farmer Dwayne Ruth provided

the heavy machinery in the shape of the combine. The two farmers are the first to be contracted by the Grain CSA to produce grain for over fifty shareholders. And, this year's crop looks like it will be a good one, even with the dry weather we've had over the past few months.

Next stop is CSA leader David Bathe's farm, to harvest more wheat and then later in the fall a crop of buckwheat.



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Farmer Dwayne Ruth combining oats at Waverley Brook Farm.

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Highlander food

Crowds flock to Garlic Festival

By Mark Arike

The Garlic Festival, hosted by the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association (HCGGA), continues to prove that it has staying power.

Held on Aug. 25 on the grounds of Carnarvon Bowl, about 600 people came through the gates of the fifth annual event in search of fresh garlic, preserves, baked goods and other products. Some of the 17 vendors also provided live garlic braiding demonstrations throughout the day.

"It was successful and relaxed," said organizer Debbie Barnhart. "There were better informed customers that seemed as interested in growing as they were buying."

Barnhart listed a few attractions that may help to grow the festival in the coming years.

"Items to help us keep growing would be interactive displays and demonstrations, and possibly taste-testing and garlic ice cream."

The HCGGA is an unincorporated, not-for-profit entity.



Photos Mark Arike

Left: Local garlic grower Doug Nash talks to visitors while giving braiding demonstrations. Middle: Sharon Luke shows off a piece of the Highland tartan. Right: Charles Hughes carries softneck and hardneck garlic he grew in his garden in Wilberforce.



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Junior Highlanders

Backpacks going to local students

By Mark Arike

A total of 97 backpacks full of school supplies are on their way to local children in need.

On Aug. 28, Bell Aliant employees and Stanhope firefighters gathered at the Stanhope fire hall to present Dan Bajorek, Point In Time (PIT) program manager, with the bags. Bell employees along with firefighters from each municipality (Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills, Highlands East and Dysart et al) managed to raise approximately \$1,100 for the program.

"It's a collaborative project," said Gail Stelter, consultant for PIT.

Rhonda Cooper, owner of Needful Things, donated her time to fill the bags with supplies from her store. Each bag contains \$20 to \$40 worth of supplies.

Bell Aliant started the Backpacks for Kids program 10 years ago. Since 2003, more than 20,000 backpacks have been filled and distributed to hundreds of schools and organizations in the communities the company serves.

Photo by Mark Arike

Gathered with the backpacks are (left to right): Liz Boxall, Bell Aliant; Stanhope firefighters Dallas Latanville and Rylie Sloan; Dan Bajorek, Point in Time program manager; Stanhope firefighters Ralph Johnson and David Mount and Jim Winn, Bell Aliant.



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Senior Highlanders

Exercise program keep seniors active

By Mark Arike

By dedicating one hour out of their schedule each week, seniors are discovering the benefits of the VON SMART program.

"It's a gentle exercise program that helps people stay active and maintain their fitness levels," said Joanne Berry, program coordinator. "It helps them live independently in their homes."

The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) is a registered charity that started the national SMART program (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) in 1994. Today it is being delivered in three different versions: group, in-home and congregate.

Of the three, the group program is the only one currently being offered in Haliburton County.

"In the future, we're always looking to run more of the programs," said Berry, explaining that VON staff from Peterborough travel to Minden and Haliburton to oversee the program. Their work includes training the volunteers who lead the classes.

"We train the volunteers, which includes first aid and CPR."

Classes are held weekly in three-month blocks at Highland Crest and Echo Hills.

Each one-hour session includes a variety of gentle exercises and participants can complete a fitness test to see how they've done.

Although the target age category is seniors 55 and older, others will be accepted into the program.

"If people are younger and want to join in that's not a problem," said Berry, adding that participants have the option of starting midway through the program. "The program is based on the individuals, and their fitness levels and fitness speeds. So they can just work their way through the program."

Haliburton resident Roean Barnhart has been participating in the program for the past two years. She says the exercises helped her get back on her feet after she suffered a serious fall.

"I couldn't really move very well at all," said Barnhart. "I feel it's done me a lot of good."

Monola Gonneau of Minden admits that the classes give her a good workout and sometimes leave her sore. But each week she keeps coming back for more.

"It's certainly helping, but there's some things that still hurt," said Gonneau.

Pat Bradburn lives across the street from Hyland Crest. Each week she looks forward to participating in a class.



Photo by Mark Arike

Class participants share laughs while they throw around bouncy balls

"I think it's good," said Bradburn, who also stays active by going for mile-long walks around the Riverwalk. "Balance is a big thing. So many people fall."

"I'd say the whole thing has been a help."

Those interested in signing up to the program can do so at registration sessions being held at Echo Hills on Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. and Hyland Crest on Sept. 18 at 1:30 p.m. The cost per class is \$2.

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Highlander sports

Local teen youngest Crank competitor

By Mark Arike

At 5'5" tall and 115 pounds, he won't be the biggest rider out on the circuit.

But don't let his size fool you.

Thirteen-year-old Nick Emsley of Haliburton is a cross-country (XC) mountain biker who has been posting faster times than guys twice his age. After coming first in the 15 and under category and fourth in the men's under 40 category at Sir Sam's four-hour XC Challenge on Aug. 25, Emsley is anticipating his biggest challenge yet: Crank the Shield.

"I'm not trying to win it," said Emsley, who will be entering the two-day, men's under 40 race on Sept. 15.

His father Dan says that he's in top physical condition and that finishing the race – an accomplishment in itself – shouldn't be a problem.

"He has no issues," said Dan. "I have a really quick recovery time," added Emsley.

Since Emsley will be the youngest competitor in the history of the event, his parents chose the two-day race instead of the three-day option.

"It's a stressful race," said Dan. "It doesn't matter if you do two or three days."

Known as a stage race, Crank the Shield leads cyclists through the challenging terrain of the Haliburton Highlands. Upwards of 350 riders are expected to take part in the event, including athletes like Olympian Geoff Kabush and World Cup racer Derek Zandstra.

When he crosses the finishes line, Emsley will have ridden 155 kilometres.

"I do 85 kilometres the first day, then there's a 10-kilometre neutral ride and then 60 kilometres," he said.

The race starts at the Haliburton Forest and hits various parts of Haliburton before finishing where it began.

Emsley and his family are originally from Lindsay, but have lived in Haliburton long enough to consider themselves locals. His father says his son first got on a bike when he was just four or five years old. However, he didn't go competitive until last year.

"He's done exceptionally well for his first year," said Dan.

To be at the top of his game, Emsley has stuck to a strict training schedule as well as a nutritional plan.

"I train him and my wife keeps his nutrition on track really well," said Dan. "He basically trains himself. There's never a day that I have to force him to do it."

"If I miss a day I yell at myself," said Emsley.

In the spring and summer Emsley rides around a two-and-a-half kilometre home track located in the family's backyard. He completes a 10-kilometre loop on an average of three to four times per day, five days a week. On top of that he regularly heads out on the trails at Sir Sam's – a local business that has been supportive of his cycling endeavours.

In the winter Emsley rides on indoor rollers.

"He put on just under 4,000 kilometres last winter," said Dan.

He also does a strength training fitness program at home.

"He uses a lot of the old school methods where you're not having to have all of the fancy machinery."

Since the age of four, Emsley has trained in Kung Fu and Tai Chi. That experience now also comes into play.

"We utilize a lot of his martial arts training to keep him focused."

Although he only has one solid year of competitive experience under his belt, Emsley has time on his side.

"He's got 10 years until he gets to be an elite type of rider."

Emsley looks up to some of the professional riders and studies what they do.

"I've watched how they ride and I'll learn from it," he said. "I just try to pick up the things they do different."

Due to the costs associated with the sport and fees attached to Crank the Shield, Emsley embarked on a fundraising campaign. As of Aug. 28, he had raised \$760 of a \$3,250 goal.

"The event itself is expensive, the entry fees are expensive, travel is expensive..."



Photo by Mark Arike

Nick Emsley, 13, powers his way down the hill at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike.

the bike probably needs \$1,000 worth of work to be ready for this race," said Dan.

On his blog (www.norcoxcracer.blogspot.ca) Emsley states that he split and sold firewood to make enough money to buy a new bike last year.

Emsley is thankful for the support he has already received from the community as he prepares to represent Haliburton.

"I want to thank everyone for their support and generosity. I especially want to thank Sir Sam's Ski and Bike for their help giving me a great place to ride and train, as well as donating some great perks for my campaign."

With just over two weeks to go until

the race date, this young racer is full of enthusiasm.

"I'm getting all pumped up about it," he said. "It's going to be tough, I know. So I'm just going to have to work through it. I'm really excited for it."

Emsley will be able to give himself a bit of a warm-up when he takes part in the Ontario Championships on Sept. 9 in Duntroon, near Stayner.

To find out more about this Haliburton athlete, visit his blog or go to his fundraising page at www.indiegogo.com/nickemsley. More information about Crank the Shield can be found at www.cranktheshield.com.

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Trevor Brauer plans his next shot during last week's qualifier tournament at the Pinestone resort.

Golfers qualify for 2013 Special Summer Olympics

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Special Olympics continue to evolve.

Due to golf's growing popularity, the sport has been added to the 2013 Canadian Special Olympics, said Rick West.

"Golf has taken off big time in Special Olympics," he said. "They added it because it's been so popular."

West, along with Yvette Brauer, coordinated the Ontario eastern district golf qualifier tournament at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Aug. 23. The district forms a triangle between Toronto, Timmins and Ottawa.

"The front nine was for athletes who don't really compete," West said. "They're not on a level to qualify, they just do it for fun."

The back nine was played by those who wanted to qualify for the 2013 games. Of the 62 athletes who played in the tournament, 34 were playing to qualify, he said.

West, who also coaches the local Haliburton Red Wolves golf team, said a notification went out to the various coaches in the district who then registered their players for the tournament. One local player, Trevor Brauer,

played in the tournament but did not qualify.

"He didn't play his best game, but it was ok," said West.

Six men and three women qualified for the 2013 games. The lowest score of the day was 52 strokes, while the next was 54.

Despite not having a qualifying player, the Red Wolves aren't done for the season. They're playing another tournament on Sept. 7 in Stouffville.

West said he was happy with the tournament.

"It was really good," he said. "Everything went great. One of the reasons why I wanted to do this was because next summer, we're going to have our own tournament sponsored by our team."

The visiting players all enjoyed the course and said they would return to Haliburton for a tournament next year.

West said one of the reasons the tournament was such a success was thanks to the 40 volunteers who helped out with the event.

"They all said they had a blast," he said. "We had a great response from the volunteers. They were very supportive."



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Highlander sports

Racers compete in Sir Sam's four-hour challenge

On Aug. 25, Sir Sam's Ski and Bike held their Four-hour Cross-Country Relay Challenge.

The race was an individual or team event and open to racers between the ages of eight and 62.

Kyle Douglas of Scott Racing was the event winner, having completed 13, 6-kilometre laps in four hours.

Douglas coaches the Canadian XC Mountain Bike team that recently competed in the London Olympics.



Photo submitted by Chris Bishop

Alexia Bell charges down the course.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Kids take off in the one-kilometre race at this year's Kash End of Summer Dash. The annual event raises thousands of dollars for Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR).

A dash to aid vulnerable communities

By Mark Arike

Runners challenged themselves while supporting the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR) at the 15th annual Kash End of Summer Dash on Aug. 26.

The morning event began with 24 kids taking off in a one-kilometre race around the Wigamog Resort. Following their dash, 60 adults took to the starting line for a 10-kilometre run that began at the Wigamog, went out to County Road 21 and back down Wigamog Road to the resort. After the races, the top finishers were awarded prizes and a barbeque was held at the Wild Moose.

According to head organizer Steve Ferocity, the annual event draws participants from the county and beyond.

"There's a lot of cottagers and people from the county," said Ferracuti, adding that the farthest participating runner he knew

of came from Lockport, New York.

The event is one that many choose to participate in year after year.

"It's surprising that every year it ends up being so much fun. The participants really enjoy it."

Ferracuti did not yet have the final totals, but he estimated that after expenses the event raised anywhere between \$5,000 and \$7,000 for CPAR. The funds were collected through participant entry fees and pledges.

CPAR is a non-profit development organization that supports community efforts to ensure access to clean water, adequate food, primary health services and a safe and health environment. Their work is carried out in remote rural areas such as Malawi, Uganda, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

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Highlander outdoors

— Landscape matters

Tooling around with plants



By Terry Twine

Last time we looked at various ways to go about the construction of your landscape project using some time-honoured and successful tools.

They were: *The Power of Three*, *Bold is Beautiful*, and *Continuity and Repetition*. One component of the landscape common to all of the above is plant material. In this column we will look at plants as tools in the landscape.

As with hand tools and power tools, plants can perform specific tasks and fail at others for which they were not designed. For instance, if you need a four-season display in a critical area of your garden, use a flowering shrub, not a perennial or annual. A good all purpose shrub is Ural False Spirea (*Sorbaria sorbifolia*). It leafs out dramatically in spring, produces abundant white cone shaped flowers in mid-summer, and the subsequent seed pods last through fall and also draw winter interest.

If you are looking to mass plants into a bold display of form or colour, keep the individual plants somewhat simple in character. You are, after all, going for a mass effect. Different categories of plants work well, depending on the situation. In a rear yard background buffer, plants such as Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*), Silver Edge Dogwood (*Cornus alba elegantissima*), or Highbush Cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*) have similar height and spread and are not overly showy.

Ground cover plants are a type of mass planting as well, but in a prostrate form. They are excellent tools for shaping a rockery or edging a specimen tree bed. Blue Rug Juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis* 'Wiltonii') makes an excellent rockery plant for its extremely low profile of 15 centimetres, or 6 inches in height. A solid show of a rug-type juniper will complement the flowering perennials and annuals that you add to the mix. There are many broad-leafed evergreens as well that are low profile with the added feature that they are a 'leafy' plant that will often retain their leaves in winter. Coral Beauty Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster dammeri* 'Coral Beauty') is a personal favourite for its graceful arching habit, white flowers and red berries. It is fairly tall for a ground cover plant at 50 centimetres, but its aggressive growth and rootlet spread make it a valuable tool for filling large spaces and for erosion and stabilization control. Two other broad-leaf evergreens to consider are Japanese Spurge (*Pachysandra terminalis*) and Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*). Both are low-growing (15 centimetres) and do well in sun and shade.

When selecting the right tool (or plant) for the job, remember to check, if you will, the specifications and operating instructions. In other words, before using a specific plant, check the height, spread, flower and foliage colour. Will this plant do well in a shady location? Remember, some plants do well in both sun and shade. Most important, make sure its Hardiness Zone is four or lower for our Haliburton County environment. My best advice for plant selection is to go online for background information, then visit your local garden centre or nursery with a list of plants you want to use. The local plant retailers will have the knowledge and experience to help with your selection or offer alternatives.

Next Time: For the more adventuresome among you, we will look at some of the natural bounty of the Haliburton Highlands that we can use in our landscape projects.

If you have any questions for Terry send them to
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Horseshoe Lake hosts derby



Photo submitted by the HLPOA

Kids gather after a day on the water fishing for Rock Bass.

By Matthew Desrosiers

Young anglers came together on Horseshoe Lake for the 24th annual Rock Bass Derby on Aug. 5.

Twenty-two anglers, ranging from one to 18 years old, caught and weighed 55 pounds of fish despite rainy weather. Alexandra Forsyth won a gift certificate from

Walsten Marine for catching the largest fish, according to a release.

Organizers would like to thank volunteers, Rachel Costin, and the Winter and O'Halloran families. The Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Association, Walsten Marine and Carol Froderich sponsored the event.



Attention

Please be advised that the Township of Minden Hills has entered into an agreement with Pnewko Brothers to commence recycling oil, anti-freeze and hydraulic lubricant containers. The service is of no charge to residents of Minden Hills. There are considerations the Township requests when residents bring the containers to the landfills.

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- **Please ensure that all pails and containers are empty of liquid. Only a small residue should remain.**
- **Please remove all pail lids and place lids in the bags with the oil jugs.**
- **Please do not put pails in the bags.**
- **Please ensure that all pail lids are metal free.**
- **Please stack pails. Keep the lid on the top pail to prevent liquid from gathering in the pail.**
- **Please replace the cap on all oil jugs after draining. This prevents the pooling of oil in the bottom of the bag.**

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Men's Hockey League

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Highlander events

Bargains aplenty at church mega sale

By Mark Arike

Soon after the doors opened, the crowds filled the basement of the Minden United Church for this year's mega sale and bake sale. The event, which was hosted by members of the United Church Women (UCW) on Aug. 25, featured tables of items for sale such as books, games, toys, jewelry and household items. Baked goods were also popular among

shoppers. The event raised over \$800, which will go back into the community. "We donate to many organizations within the county," said organizer Pat Thornett. The church's next fundraiser, a Christmas luncheon, will take place on Nov. 9 at the Minden United Church. For more information call Pat at 705-286-3026.



Mary Trepanier, left, and Nancy Ballantyne look after the bake sale. Photo by Mark Arike



Olivia and Victoria Cina and Raquel Branch find an old pair of roller skates at the mega sale. Photo by Mark Arike



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Highlander events

MACA donates money and food after social event

By Phyllis McCulloch

On Aug. 25, the Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) members held their annual wine and cheese social.

To support the community, members were encouraged to bring along a donation of dry food items that would be donated to the Haliburton Food Bank.

Members once again supported this initiative and filled large boxes with food items which

included everything from baby food to dessert items. Members also donated money. The association was happy to present the 4 C's with a cheque in the amount of \$75.00 which was accepted by the staff.

MACA encourages all neighbouring cottage associations to take a look at their cottages now as they start to pack things together for home and make a donation of unopened dry food goods to our local food bank.



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Photo by Ashley Campbell

Haliburton Highlander editor Matthew Desrosiers reads last week's issue of The Highlander while breaking in his new red pumps. Desrosiers is preparing to 'Walk a Mile in Her shoes' to support the YWCA on Oct. 20. Registration for the fundraiser opens on Sept. 5 at www.walkamilehaliburtoncounty.com.

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MINDEN OLDTIMERS HOCKEY LEAGUE, registration night (space is limited), September 12, 6-8 p.m., SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena, or visit website (www.mindenoldtimers.ca) to fill out a registration form and mail with payment to Lawrence Longheed, 1969 Fleming Road, Minden, K0M 2K0, 705-286-5120

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Bid Enchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 p.m., Bev, 705-286-3085

Friday - 31
Haliburton County Farmers' Market, 1-5 p.m., intersection of Hwy 118 & 35

Chair Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 12 noon, admission by donation

Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941

Music by the Gull, Minden, Trina West, folk rock, 7 p.m., brought to you by The Highlands Wind Symphony, Minden Lions Club and The Times, bring a chair

SEPTEMBER

Saturday - 1
Minden West Village Market, 150 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., vendors can rent a 10 x 10' space for \$10 per day or \$15 per weekend (Sat & Sun), contact Ehren, 705-306-0787, ehren@bwanajohns.com

Sunday - 2
Live Drive-In Gospel Music, Cobocok's Foodland parking lot, every Sunday for July & August, 7 p.m., sit in car or bring lawn chairs

Monday - 3 - LABOUR DAY
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Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941

Tuesday - 4
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Adult Soccer, HHHS field, 6:30 p.m., waiver & rules available at www.haliburtonsoccer.com

Minden & District Horticultural Society meeting, Community Centre, Park Street, Minden, 7 p.m., Haliburton County Master Gardeners will speak on "Garden Design Concepts"

Highlands Festival Singers start rehearsals for Christmas concert, 7:00 p.m., Haliburton United Church, corner of Pine & George Streets, 705-457-4916

Wednesday - 5
Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9-12 noon, equipment supplied, bring clean court/running shoes, contact Dong, 705-489-3850

Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rails End Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m., 705-457-2330

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Mondays (2nd & 4th of each month) - Rng Hookers 10 a.m.,
Tuesdays - Enchre 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept 18 - Golf Tournament, \$50 per person includes 9 holes with cart, prizes & dinner, sign up at Legion or contact Wendy Bolt, 705-286-6637

Wednesdays - lunch time meat draw
Thursdays - Enchre, 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - Radio Club 10 a.m.; Beer Battered Fish/Wings & Fresh Cut Chips dinner 5-7 p.m.
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Saturdays - Meat Draw 2 p.m.;
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EVENTS

TURKEY SUPPER – Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton, Friday, September 14, 5:30 p.m., \$15 per person (advanced tickets only), Kay, 705-286-4719 (SP6)

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS - call Alcoholics Anonymous - we care, 705-324-9900 (TFN)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) – every Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Haliburton Hospital (TFN)

MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM – Minden, 8-session course, Wednesdays, Sept 19-Nov 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Minden, designed to introduce mindfulness practice as a way of better coping with stress, anxiety, illness, pain, and everyday demands of life. Course includes education, guided instruction in mindfulness meditation, gentle movement and group discussion. Home practice CDs, and written materials are included plus an optional ½ day retreat, \$185 (insurance coverage may be possible). Ellen King, 705-286-2489

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MOVING SALE – Saturday, September 1, 8 a.m., 4693 County Road 21, Haliburton, general household items and furniture

YARD SALE – Saturday, September 1, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Hunter Creek Estates, 3 km south of Minden on Highway 35, quality stuff, no junk, antiques, collectables, art work & books by RD Lawrence

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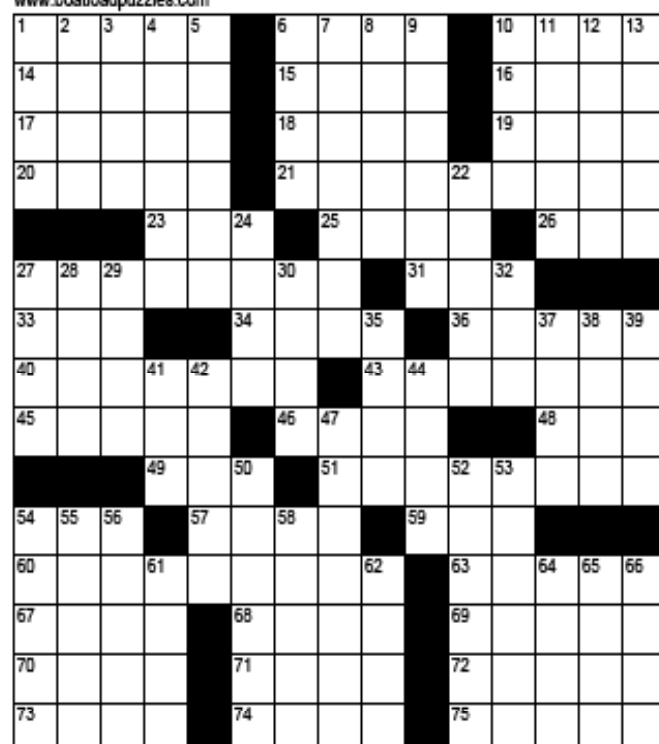
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ACROSS

1. Detest
6. Table parts
10. Guess
14. Strainer
15. Lily species
16. Boat's frame
17. Made mistakes
18. Court dividers
19. She, in Valencia
20. Dote on
21. Large sets of computer info
23. Clinton's party (abbr.)
25. Designate
26. Positive vote
27. Tan and white horse
31. Forest animal
33. Self-importance
34. Roman tyrant
36. Purple flower
40. Germany's neighbor

DOWN

1. On a ship
2. Sparrow, e.g.
3. Novel's protagonist
4. Exert excessively
5. Use coupons
6. Come ashore
7. FDR's wife
8. Must, slangily
9. Grover's street
10. Mets' old stadium
11. Oklahoma city
12. Back street
13. Unenthused
22. Southern beauty
24. Skirt length
27. Juicy fruit
28. Spanish water
29. Misplaced
30. Not messy
32. Relatives
35. Look at amorously
37. ____ mower
38. Summer coolers
39. Give over
41. Make a knot
42. Bird's perch
44. Take it easy
47. Arms depot
50. Sewing item
52. Fiesta item
53. Wagner works
54. Civic gp.
55. Range
56. Undue speed
58. Hiking path
61. Pitch
62. Challenge
64. Weapons
65. Strong cord
66. Hit

43. Small bomb
45. Math proportion
46. Fable
48. Tue. follower
49. Long period
51. Reply
54. Fire leftover
57. Hardens
59. Cabbie's bonus
60. Dispersed
63. Advances
67. Fair (hyph.)
68. ____ Carvey of SNL
69. Directional symbol
70. Selects
71. Pinocchio, e.g.
72. Florida city
73. Mediocre grades
74. French female
75. Plus

	1					5		4
			4		9		3	2
		4	2					
	2	5	3	9			6	8
8	7			2	1	9	4	
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Last week's puzzle solutions

R	A	S	P		M	A	P	S		A	P	R	O	N
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S	E	B	A	S	T	I	A	N		R	O	U	T	E
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T	A	N	G	O		E	R	R	S		E	E	L	S

Puzzle 1 (Medium, difficulty rating 1.5/5)

7	2	1	6	8	9	3	4	5
5	4	8	2	3	7	6	9	1
6	9	3	5	4	1	7	8	2
8	3	2	7	1	6	9	5	4
1	5	6	8	9	4	2	3	7
9	7	4	3	5	2	1	6	8
3	1	5	9	2	8	4	7	6
4	8	7	1	6	3	5	2	9
2	6	9	4	7	5	8	1	3

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